

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed May 2, 2007 has been carefully reviewed along with the references cited therein. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 23, 24, 37 and 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Smoot et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,640,711). Claims 28-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smoot et al. in view of Knauer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,148,725). Claim 32 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smoot et al. Claims 42-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smooth et al. in view of Lorig et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,745,692). Claims 25-27, 33-36 and 38-40 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims have been renumbered in accordance with how they were examined as discussed in the Office Action mailed January 26, 2007, which set forth a restriction requirement.

Claims 25,26 and 38 have been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These claims were found to be allowable by the Examiner in the subject Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants have placed these claims into allowable form. Amendments to the other claims were made to change their dependency because of the amendments made to claims 25, 26 and 38 and to correct for the numbering error in the preliminary amendment.

The claims have been amended to place the application into condition for allowance. All cancelled claims have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue cancelled claims in a continuing application.

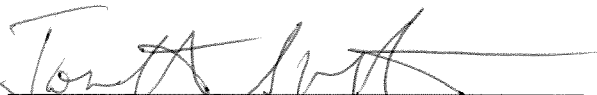
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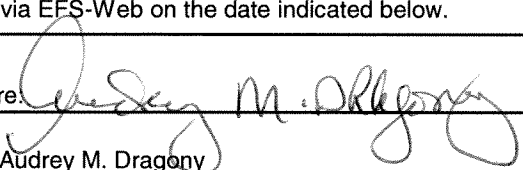
For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited. In any event, should the Examiner consider personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

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